

CLARK COUNTY ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**Paradise Community Center
4775 McLeod Drive, Town Board Conference Room
Las Vegas, Nevada 89121
May 1, 2007
6:30 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: BIGGERSTAFF, JAN (JB)
CHEVALIER, YVETTE (YC)
SANJAY, VERMA (VS)
SONDEJ, KEN (KJ)
POOLER, TOM (TP)
YOUNG, BILLIE (BY)

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. Approval of agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded.

3. Approval of April 10, 2007 Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded.

4. Appeal of Vicious Animal Declaration

On 12/4/05 Bruno bit a person. On 3/13/07 he bit again. JOSHUA NIEVES (JN) does not believe bites are valid. On several occasions the next-door neighbor's dog out off leash. Their dog has posed a threat to him and others. He asked him to leash his dog, attacked his dog, got in physical altercation, and threatened to harm his children. Went to court and was dismissed. His daughter jumped in middle of 2 dogs fighting. Bite could have come from either dog. His dog was quarantined for 10 days. Last incident dog got into altercation with their dog, was in shock and upset. He was handed a blue slip from Officer Duncan that said his dog was involved in bite against human. Documentation says it was thumb. The son said as he was separating dogs, he grabbed mouth and pulled dogs apart. "Duncan said if a Chow we wouldn't be here but because a Pit the bite is worse. Bite was on the thumb. " On 3/22/06 Duncan called at 4 and said dog declared vicious and will not be released. He met Officer Duncan. There was a misunderstanding and he didn't appeal in time. Officer March worked with him. Dog has not bit a human, trained, well-behaved, obedience training, teachable.

GARY FIGELSKI- Joshua's grandfather has been in law enforcement over 44 years. He has been involved in investigations throughout career, babysat for both animals and has never known dogs to be uncontrolled. Easy to control for my wife, Joshua's two daughters and me. Gave pictures of dog when younger. Letter from Victor Knight, another letter from neighbor as well as a letter from Markee Robinson and from Tropicana Animal Hospital, all attached. Raised a lot of different dogs. He never had any be vicious. Dogs like children, must be raised in proper environment. If raised where they will be mistreated, dogs will be aggressive. Declaring vicious would be miscarriage of justice. The problem is the neighbors unable to get along. VS - was dog already on property? JN - Let dogs out at 9:10. At 9:25 Bella came in and Bruno was outside. He was beating dog with shovel, sticks. I noticed my side gate was wide open. Only day gate open is on Thursday when pooper-scooper comes. While standing there Mr. Hansen stated your insurance company found me 50% at fault, I am getting even. Feels his dog came through his fence. Never gone over fence before that. From April to August where I lived in Henderson, fence was 4ft tall. I was worried but he

never got out. Neighbors loved the dogs. Very friendly to humans. Never had a problem there. Side door is latched. YC – is dog neutered? JN – no he is not.

JN's brother, CULLE BEAVER, said Bruno is not vicious. He has a boxer as does the neighbor. Bruno has been around several other dogs. He has trained, is certified as a vet tech, most amazing friendly dog. He doesn't act like a pit bull, temperament amazing. Does not bite dogs or people. As far as fence we have sat out there and watched him pace. He can put his paw over fence. He is not a vicious dog.

CHRISTOPHER HANSEN (CH) was attacked and daughter was attacked in December 2005. His dog ran out to see him while cutting Christmas tree bottom off. His 6-year-old daughter and the dogs met on sidewalk, partially on street and sidewalk. His daughter called to her dog. The second he turned Bruno came across and bit my dog on the leg. There were two big holes. Joshua attacked me. There has been no insurance settlement. A demand letter on incident has been written. He tore my retina and I can still go blind. Had an emergency retina operation and permanent neck injury. His dog attacked my dog that was being held up in the air by my daughter to keep him away from being attacked. She got in between the animals to keep it from being attacked. She was bit on the hand while trying to defend against his dog. Daughter screaming dog is biting me while lying on ground to protect her dog. Joshua finally stopped fighting me and went and got control of his dog. Was accused by DA not of battery but of a felony battery. He was originally cited for misdemeanor battery that was raised to felony and pled down to disturbing the peace. Had to take anger management classes as part of sentence. ACO said his dog was aggressive not mine. His dog had no bite marks, mine did. My dog never bit his dog. His dog bit mine. Three weeks before 2nd incident my wife called AC saying his dog was trying to get over the fence. If a dog intimidates or pesters a domestic animal, it is a misdemeanor. His dog only paces on my side of the fence. My son saw both dogs out in front and came in to see me and said he thought the dog that attacked Whitney was running around in the front yard. Told by police to stay away from them. My son had not seen dogs. We went out and started looking couldn't find the dog. They saw it, I didn't. Insurance company has not settled. Vicious dogs raised by vicious people. He attacked me, seriously and permanently.

JOSHUA HANSEN (JH) came home from eating dinner with friends on March 13 around 9. As I was pulling in, saw brown dog sniffing the mailbox next to the house. Didn't know dog. Went over to the dog, got away from me and heard another dog behind me, it was white, Bruno. He growled at me. Went into the house and told my dad about dogs loose and asked him to come out to identify. The dogs were gone. Went into room and made a phone call, heard a noise (sounded like a gun shot) don't know what it was and then heard my mom screaming crazy insane. Bolted out of room into back yard and white dog clamped down on back of boxer and grabbing our dog and grabbing and my mom screaming, jumped down on white dog put arm around his neck to get him off and pulled jaws off and pushed him back. Told mom to get dog in house. Got dog away and mom didn't get him in house, holding on to white dog, dad came out and used a rifle like a club on the other dog. Finally we were able to get mom under control and get our dog into house. Stayed out for a minute, went into house looked over dog, front leg all torn up, skin hanging off, wrapped towels, taped it up and held until AC and police got there. Vet bill was about \$1,200 and possibly another operation for \$2,500 for the back leg. First vet bill \$175. Brought staples, about 50. VS – was injury on back leg. JH – mom pulling back legs to get him out, took place in our back yard.

DAWN HANSEN – the night this occurred after my son came into house. A few minutes later, dog scratched to go out back. When he went out, he darted to the left. My dog only does that when waiting for my husband to come home. I followed him out and out of shadow by the back fence; Bruno growling and barking went straight for her dog. Panicked threw herself over her dog and started screaming. Bruno knocked me down and would not let go of my dog. Since original incident his dog has been hunting my dog, not able to use backyard, dog pacing back and forth and getting higher and higher on the wall. Couldn't leave dog out. Three weeks before this happened, I told my husband I had a feeling he was going to get over. He got 2 paws and head above block wall. I called AC, told he was going to get my dog. AC couldn't give legal advice but said do whatever needed to protect property and person. When you walk out of your front door you accept you are taking a risk. To go out in your backyard in your nightgown at 9:30 pm and dog come out of shadows and goes after you and your dog is unsettling. No joy in being here. Know he loves his dog. Know how I love my dog and would be just as despondent. Neither time did my dog bite. When his dog came out of the shadow, my dog laid down on the concrete. He looks like

Frankenstein now from scars, two puncture scars on back leg, bit ear, head, leg, five drain tubes, several times at vet – stayed over several times to regulate pain meds. No other incidents in between. This dog has a blood thirst for my dog and been menacing him since original attack. Wouldn't have a problem if grandfather took the dog. My dog only weighs 68 lbs not a huge dog, never been so unsettled by anything like that to have an animal come out of shadows attack your animal and you. We love animals. I deserve to be safe on my own property, to be able to use my backyard. Can assure you nobody went over and opened gate to let his dogs into my house. Don't go near his dog or his house after first incident. We thought of getting a restraining order but detective suggested no. Aside from dog menacing no other contact. I have a right to be safe in my back yard, don't expect to go out and be attacked.

TP – did you check to see if your gate was open? CH – our gate was closed, hose running through 5ft tall iron gate. It didn't get over fence. I believe it was out and jumped my 5 ft gate. Gate was latched completely. There is gravel. You have to push it. You couldn't open gate with hose running through it. When I went in back yard, took unloaded .22 rifle and hit dog to get away from my son. After our dog was in the house, other dog was fine. Bruno saw my dog and tried to bust into our house with door opened just a little. Joshua had to get in way to stop dog from lunging. Four police that showed up said dog wouldn't have made it out alive. Could have killed it but felt would be wrong. I believe something should be done; protection for people. Dog is hunting my dog. If dog goes to grandfather's house. He didn't growl at me after incident don't think dangerous to people. Dog decided to kill another dog. Our dog not neutered either. Vet bill \$1200, almost died. This dog attack has crippled my wife. She has MS and has been destroyed by this incident, can't sleep, seeing a psychologist. It ruined her. It has crippled my family and cost me 3 months of work along with violent attack from what he did to me before. This dog ruined my family. Don't want someone to loose pet.

TP – determination of Committee. JB would like to see dog sterilized and sent to grandfather's house. KS would like to have dog go to grandfather's house, sterilized. BY is that an option? DM if you agree animal is vicious based on attack on dog that is not an option. Henderson has the same law and they cannot take a vicious dog in Henderson. You are either agreeing it is vicious or not, can say it is dangerous. Dangerous but not vicious. See Dangerous Animal Code attached. If it continues to act up, it would be vicious. I could vote that it be dangerous. (JB) BY – important to keep in mind the socialization of dogs throughout puppy hood, no neglect, abuse, appears there was training. There is obvious discord between neighbors. The dogs may be helping. BY deem animal dangerous and look at 3 strikes for vicious. YC does not view animal as vicious and has some doubt as to what actually happened based on evidence provided. Feels for both families. It is horrible not to be able to get along, dogs reading into conflict and hostility and acting upon. Don't think proper not to deem not dangerous. Neighbors came forward on behalf of Bruno and a lot of he said, she said. Evidence is not clear and strong. Dog deemed dangerous not vicious and then dog's fate changed immediately. VS - if dog stays in same place, situation will happen again. If not taken out of situation and put in different place and not neutered will happen again in next few months. Circumstances where dog is pacing at base of wall, may be some hostility between neighbors, doesn't think a factor. It has to do with not being neutered, take on job of guard dog and will take every opportunity to go over wall and attack dog. Declare dog as dangerous and move out of circumstances. TP – neutering dog will not change habits, moving will not change habits. Cannot change dog, if he moves, will have to be in a cage or fence that it cannot get out of or not climb over. Will not change from being animal aggressive, if another dog lives next door or walking, you will have same problem. Almost as if you should cut your losses, if dog gets out and attacks another dog or child, cannot live with that. You wouldn't be able to live with that. Personally I uphold vicious ruling. BY – victim's comments weighed quite a bit. They stated they did not want animal put down. Motion to approve declaration as vicious. All opposed but TP. Motion to declare animal dangerous. TP opposed. Motion to declare dangerous approved by all others.

5. Proposed change to Title 10.24.030 to regulate unsterilized dogs and cats impounded at the animal shelter

GEORGE PAPANIA has a pet fanciers permit, raises and breeds Italian Greyhounds. When dogs abandoned or in shelter before they are let out again, something should be done, spaying or neutering would be humane thing to do. Completely different with pure breed dog. Anyone who abandons dog and bring into shelter, has to be a remedy for this. Support almost anything to not put dogs in same situation. Inhumane to let out in street very difficult choice to make – would approve s/n at shelter level.

MIKE CONNELL – why do they need permit? DM – they have an option to not s/n if qualified for fancier permit. MC - If they are taken a second time, there should be no option, should be mandatory s/n. DM that could happen. You are probably breeding and you are on our radar and inspected. JOE BOTEILHO, first time 2 vouchers, 2nd time will cost more money and will have to sterilize or qualify for fancier permit. A breeder has a pure bred dog in shelter and you have to get it out. If you read pet fancier, you have to have a dog you are showing. You pay \$175, \$50 on top, \$25 fancier, and 3rd time animal is sterilized before release. It makes it easy for purebred dogs; mix breed dogs don't qualify. You would have to have proof that you show and qualify for permit. If qualified, it is an option. If not qualified, not an option. Motion to approve made and seconded. All approved

6. Proposed change to Title 10.30.115 to regulate sales of unsterilized dogs and cats by Retailers and Pet Fanciers

MIKE CONNELL – dog fancier permit was designed by breeders to have more than 3 intact dogs for showing and breeding. In order to maintain, it should be an AKC approved event, not Strut Your Mutt or Petapollazoa. Now if you enter them in one of them and get a ribbon, you can maintain fancier. You have stepped away from purebred breeder permit. Now you are saying if you have a dog and sell to someone else, they get a fancier permit whether registered AKC or not. They can breed mix breed dogs along with designer dogs that will never be recognized by any registry. Putting backyard breeders in backdoor to have permit for \$25. Along with s/n at 4 months it is horrifying on these 8 to 10 week old puppies. This is traumatic. Vets saying we will make more money, if some die, not big deal. This is the wrong bill, going about wrong way. Opening back door to anybody and everybody.

GEORGE PAPANIA had a permit when in NLV and in CLV and is against s/n pedigree dog. Inhumane to say the least. Italian greyhounds range from 8lbs to 13 lbs full grown. To s/n before I sell would be inhumane and wouldn't do it. Not right – when reaches 2 years of age, you could modify to exclude pedigree dogs. Oppose to s/n for the sake of vet making money, better ways to do that, better fees. Like tagging, microchip. I got a call from Lied when one of my dogs got out, asking me to sterilize before sold, don't think right. Would like more than 6 dogs.

ELIZABETH DAVIS RUBIN got into rescue 10 years ago. This is the first time in 10 years I agree s/n 8 to 10 weeks is too young. If pet not show dog, require s/n in contract. Rescue dogs and how it affects rescue, have vets that will not s/n under age of 8 or 10 weeks because we do not know health of puppy. A private dog owner can put money into a trust. Adopt A Rescue requires \$200 on s/n. Threaten people who don't follow up on appointment. We had one AC assisted in getting s/n. We will take to court for not following. Dewey was not s/n, sending animals out on voucher. Cost to neuter an 8 wk old puppy, require fluids, heart monitor, s/n from \$135 to over \$400 to s/n a mutt. Every puppy shop will open up in Nye County. It will not stop overpopulation.

BRUCE HALSTEAD is not a breeder. It is up to AC to see if breeder is complying.

PHIL PERLMAN believes if you make illegal to own intact animal, supply and demand will prevail, black market. If illegal, people will not take in for vaccinations or health problems.

MARY CURTIN – did ask for proof of showing. Fancier is a little too restrictive as it is to add more amendments. You will find non-compliance. With pet fancier permit you are supposed to put permit number in advertisement. Find me 10 ads with a permit number. Well intended, proof of showing. When do you breed bitch, when show career is over. Go by straight and narrow we would not have best of breed Min Pin this year. She finished her champion 3 years ago, if spayed not happen. Yes, dogs in shelter is a problem but not with breeders or AKC registered dogs. Public needs to be educated. Heard Mr. Hansen had intact male, both stated they let dogs play in street. That's where problem is, not with responsible people, with the public.

TP clarification please. DM you can still have your intact animals. They must obtain a \$25 permit to have pet. Not designed to create funds, designed to allow us to recheck person, make sure animal taken care of properly and if they are showing or breeding to sell to pet stores. The 22,000 killed at shelter were not all

mix breeds. People will still be able to get animals intact and sell them, just a matter of getting permit. Pet quality animals are sold, requiring them by contract to get sterilized and you have zero enforcement. They get lost, go to another state, move, these things happen. This is a means to address some of those issues. If pet quality, sterilize. Shelter sterilize at 8 weeks for more than a decade hasn't proved to be problem.

KAREN LAYNE – LVVHS supports ordinance. We have forgotten how many animals were recently put down in shelter. Over 23,000 last year, with more dying on street and on premises. It is up to us to deal with the issue. It is up to each one of us individuals. We s/n cats at 8 wks, dogs at 14 wks. We are not contributing to animal overpopulation and are committed to deal with issue.

DITA ZOLDI, pet shop owner, feels this bill is targeting pet shops. How are you going to enforce people who barter, give or trade? I have to pass on cost to s/n so if someone comes into my shop, your dog too expensive buy same dog not in Clark County (CC). Not fair. How are you going to check on people selling in newspaper? Are you going to make sure dogs they are selling are s/n? How are you going to control pure breed? What you are doing is targeting pet shop owners in CC only. If NV I would understand. My livelihood is in CC. Should I pack up my business and move. I cannot move to NLV. I am 2 blocks away. I have Yorkies coming in at 1 1/2 - 2 lbs. Don't think they should be s/n at that weight. What happens when dog passes away? Write off money at end of year. Targeting pet shops. Not fair.

SCOTT GARDNER – heavily regulate pet stores. This proposed ordinance aimed directly at us. Only group you can enforce. We provide community service. People come to buy pet for themselves and children. We match right dog and family. Puppies come from USDA breeders, vaccinations, vet check, all are microchipped. Less than 6 percent of puppies purchased come from pet stores, 20 percent from shelters. Only a small number are relinquished to shelter. If they scan they can access our web site and find owner. AKC opposed such proposals. It penalizes responsible owners/breeders and does not address the real problem. Risks outnumber benefits of sterilizing at early age. It is inappropriate to mandate elective procedures. Mandating sterilization is not solution. Pet stores are not the meaningful source of unwanted animals. No benefit to public.

STEVE ETZIG works in pet industry and every dog is microchipped from pet stores. Worked with website providing dogs for private people for breeders, health records, microchips and most vets agree this is way too young to sterilize a puppy. Don't know a pet store that does not agree with s/n, 6 weeks too young. He has 4 dogs at home, love animals nothing wrong with s/n. Believes in it. Too young, should be voluntary, don't need more government instruction, ridiculous.

AMY PONG is a dog enthusiast and opposes ordinance. Shares concern with overpopulation and having to euthanize. It is not because of responsible citizens and breeders. Studies by National Council on pet population half the dogs are there for moving, landlord, too many pets, illness, behavior, lifestyle, unprepared. In a throw away society, we are not invested, send to shelter. The council experience with mandatory s/n, euthanasia increased by 136 percent, Los Angeles enforcement climbed and license declined. Ft Worth ended mandatory s/n, euthanasia rates decline more slowly, goes on and on and on. Young age of sterilizing cats and dogs, urban search and rescue, avalanche, guide dogs, service dogs would be gone. Cannot sterilize that early. No way you can sterilize or we would have to eliminate all these dogs. Responsible dog owners bearing brunt of this

HANNAH IRSFELD, dog owner, and represents businesses. Irresponsible dog ownership is the problem. AKC say most abandoned dogs come from owners unwilling or unable to take care of. Doctor of Veterinary Medicine should be dictating standard of care, not the government. 6 to 8 weeks w/o consideration for state of animal could result in more harm. Economic impacts could have opposite affects. Would drive some business out of CC. By and large they are responsible, very regulated. Problem is you have a black market for intact dogs. Cost of implementing this will be hundreds or millions. If they go door to door they will not get through this. This has not been fully evaluated. Needs to be more carefully looked at to fix the problem.

LEE BERRING – pet store. It is CC that issued BL and CCAC that allowed me to sell puppies. Emotional issue. We love pets but also economic business wouldn't have put life savings if I knew would affect puppy sales. They will find a way. Go to CA or another state, will decrease revenue I make, employees make.

Love animals and always discourage customers from breeding. Keep in touch with a lot of clientele, we see regularly to groom. Will become a huge black-market issue. Like guns, people who want them will get them. People who want to breed will find a way. People in newspaper will do what they want any way.

OLI LEWIS – St Bernard rescue. 35% of dogs in shelters are pure bred. Educate me, why would you want to breed your competition. That is what happens when you sell or don't put them out on contract to s/n. Don't you want to improve your breed? How can I stop the backyard breeder in Pahrump or Sandy Valley or Las Vegas and NLV because they are here? Request put dogs out on s/n contract, require having breeders license and puppy shops, we know where you get your dogs.

BRADLEY LOGAN, pet shop owner, opposes decision to s/n dog. It is medical procedure between vet and client with best interest of puppy and not mandated by gov't policy; gov't should not create vet policy or offer vet medicine to citizens. It unfairly targets pet storeowners and breeders who are not the source of the problem. The benefits would not correspond with damage done to responsible pet stores and breeders.

PIETER DeBEER –so many times on way back from work encounter lady selling puppies, with her kids holding puppies. She is not there today but she is the problem. You are trying to regulate those people. They are not here, not bothered and don't care. Overregulated myself and put me in same category. There is a difference. You don't have manpower to enforce. Officers so busy don't have time to monitor. Lot of irresponsible people will get status, license to breed.

REBECCA LOCKHOFF – ordinance is a disappointment. Pet store clients pay more to get a quality dog always under vet care. Majority had s/n at vet's recommendation. As far as source of pet store puppies, only use USDA at our locations and why would we sell a lower quality product? It will not make our business better. Define responsible people who care for pets, not breed unhealthy animals that will not produce healthy viable puppies. Who defines responsible? Not my decision. As far as driving business away, you will drive customer out of CC. Business will move out of CC. Customers will go where they have less of a hassle, having to go down, get paperwork, get puppy from corner or from swap meet, no hassle.

MELINDA SCHMIDT is new to showing dog, am in favor of maintaining integrity of pet fancier permit, asking breeders and pet shops to be responsible for who they sell dogs to undermines value of fancier permit. Should be for responsible breeders who are breeding for betterment of breed not for use so you can go out and breed. Not our place to enforce county regulations. Our responsibility to breed quality dogs and make sure sold with s/n contract, at appropriate age, hold AKC papers until s/n to ensure people who buy maintain contract. People subject to lawsuit if break contract. Don't undermine value of pet fancier to breed w/o regulations.

TINA TRENNER - Nye County will be tightening up laws; they want to stop it there too. I have been working on s/n for 30 years. Same argument ad nausea, some place in history we have to make decisions. When you do the same thing over and over you are crazy. We have done the same thing over and over and nothing changes. Continue to go to animal shelter and be killed. Imagine this county without humane society or NSPCA or HCW. Imagine what a nightmare. Responsible and irresponsible owners, has to be a law to stop the insanity. Lied just killed how many thousands of animals. I am the last person who wants another law. We need to stop insanity.

HOLLE COOK is a breeder of wirehaired dachshunds. Doesn't sell pet quality puppy w/o contract that puppy must be s/n at appropriate age. Buyer will not get pedigree until I have assurance from vet that animal was s/n. Addressing issue from wrong side. Find people who are irresponsible and they can be found. Like woman on street, put in your law that whoever breeds a dog under 2 years of age, dog should be s/n and pay fine. Responsible breeders won't do that. You can't s/n before puppy has had one cycle for female and adequately grown to withstand procedure.

CHRIS ROSE is a dog trainer, show and handle in ring, Golden Retriever and only sell on s/n contract unless show puppy. Six to 9 months they are sold on limited registration. They cannot breed. If they do, they cannot sell. Any responsible breeder does the same thing. Follow up on dogs. Should be law to regulate, I s/n immediately rescued dogs. Always tell people to look at shelters and rescues unless they have

to have Golden Retriever. Inspect before they get dog. I spend more money on taking care of strays to keep from shelter. Follow up with those dogs too. Any dog that I rescue, against s/n at 8 to 10 weeks, cannot withstand anesthesia.

DR. DEBORAH MASTER tries to educate clients on s/n, talk about the numerous medical benefits, and prevent mammary cancer. No proven medical affects of early s/n. Tries to educate everybody about overpopulation. We are powerless w/o law. A lot of dogs from local pet stores, can't remember last one that was AKC haven't seen one in the last 5 years. See skulls not closed. Bow on head so you don't stick your thumb in it, knee caps that come out, so many poor quality dogs, haven't seen a true AKC quality dog from pet store.

LINDA FASO has been working on animal issues for 25 years. Hasn't gotten better. It is off the charts. Backyard breeders are main source of problem. Good breeders and bad breeders. No one is coming up here saying how bad they are. Support this legislation. It is a step in the right direction. It will not cure or make everyone happy. We have to do something and do something now. Please support this for the animals that are suffering.

DR. SUSAN KENNEY has 12 years of experience and in defense of the money grubbing vets, as a vet we are pet's advocate, we go to school, we love animals and care for their health and welfare. It is not all about the money. We volunteer our time. We make a lot more money on genetic defects, hip displacements, teeth, etc. We all want a good breed quality. This is not an attack on responsible breeders. In the shelter 35 to about 50 percent give or take look purebred. How many are waiting to die? If enforcement costs go up, euthanasia is so cheap. Precautions to s/n adult dogs. Have s/n 8 to 12 week old puppies, kittens. Come through well. Lost some at 6 or 9 months. We are trying to help. Numerous documentation on lack of s/n. Proponent of s/n

KATIE MORRISON is a pet storeowner and was not opposed in the beginning. 9 out 10 are AKC. Okay with it, not selling dogs for breeding or selling, selling pet quality animals. Vet said if less than 3 lbs., too risky, if 85% are less than 3 lbs, what does that mean? What about puppies, don't want puppies dying. You will get a pet quality animal. Tell me these tiny puppies aren't going to die by asking me do it at 8 weeks old.

DR. DAVID HENDERSON has worked on overpopulation for over 20 years, early s/n for 20 years. Just recently talked to board certified doctors and they all agree, benefits of early s/n far outweigh any of the risks. Strongly in favor of law. Started about 14 years ago to make 2 types of pet owners, responsible pet owners, s/n or responsible breeders. If you are going to breed, get pet fancier permit and show they are quality enough to be bred. If you don't want to s/n hold for 3 or 4 months, inherent risk with anesthesia, they recover better. By letting bitch have first heat, increase mammary cancer risk 20 fold.

JENNIFER BOSTON is in favor of ordinance. Only 13 AC officers, why not team up with vet clinics. We make sure people know they should have animals s/n. No evidence that s/n cause health issue. If problem with breeders, hold on to 4 to 6 months of age. If not about money and about breed hold on to dog, be responsible. Go to shelter, purebred dogs; see plenty of purebred dogs euthanized because time runs up. There for shedding problem, doesn't match people's couch. Something has to be done and we need a law to mandate. This gives us something to stand on. People come in with animal from intergalactic kennel club; all have major issues with hips, etc. Target pet stores; don't know about breeds they are adopting out. Come in say they bought at pet store.

MYRA GLASSMAN rescues on her own various small dogs and strongly supports ordinance – hear knee jerk reactions not targeting pet stores or breeders, does not say have to be s/n at 4 to 8 weeks. Technically you have a year. What you have to do is get pet fancier license. It gives AC way of tracking what happens to this animal, whether fixed or bred. If bred they have to be shown, pet requirements give you a year of grace. Applies to animals over a year old if they have pet fancier AC has been there inspected and knows what is happening with animal, maybe make a dent with overpopulation and senseless killing.

MICHELE BEDOWITZ came from AZ worked for many vets here and in AZ and have volunteered for shelters in both states, see a whole lot of familiar faces, determinate responsible breeders. We go to humane

society and look for our breed and find permanent homes. There once a week looking for my breed, if I see one of their dogs, I call them and they are there within 24 hours. We all have a problem with pet population. We are not the problem. You are not going to find the people who are the problem. The puppy mills are the ones putting dogs in humane society not us.

JUDY ERICKSON is here because I love animals. Here for passion not profit. We are turning into a breeder/pet store vs. everyone else. Support ordinance. With HCW one of our projects we go into low-income areas, causing lots of problems, offer free s/n and vaccines. At some point food and vaccinations and transport doesn't cut it. Did a flyer in selected areas where I know there are animals. People will not get them fixed, flyers your choice HCW for free s/n or AC for permit. Animals still out there breeding.

DOUG DUKE, NVSPCA - incredible opportunity to make a major inroad on overpopulation crisis. Of the tens of thousands of animals marked for death, vast majority are healthy and innocent. When you think about whether people are failing and what we can do to help and at what time animal's interest is paramount, business interest and business convenient. Animals are dying in unbelievable numbers. That has gotten lost here. Has to happen you have power to do that by making recommendation. At NVSPCA every day animals come from breeders and pet stores, given up and dumped. Does not mean lifetime home found. Every day. Breeders are part of problem. Let's go farther. Applaud CC for doing on their own. You have power to enforce please do that.

GINA GREISEN – NV Voters for Animals supports ordinance. Time has come to do this. What happened in February was a long time coming, a wake up call to finally start to address issue. Urge to support and pass. Juanita Ozawa e-mailed her that she supports this ordinance.

FRANCIE LAFORTUNE breeds very little. There are 3 factions here. All involve dogs: one is backyard, one is pet shops and responsible breeders are being lumped in with all these dogs put into shelters. When I do sell, they are in contact with me for life. If I do sell, if they cannot keep, it comes back to me. No way dog going anywhere but back to me where I can find a good home. Wish we would be separated out. Don't like to see show people who really take care of dogs lumped in with people who buy from pet shops and should never own dogs. Don't sell to people with kids. All of us that are showing dogs that really care don't support this ordinance. Support for dogs coming from pet shops, they can be AKC dogs, that makes them registered, not good dogs, pedigree proves whether good dog. Have spent a lot of money making dogs champions, 3 to 4 months to get ready for show to be lumped with people who buy a dog and just put in backyard.

KAREN LOGAN pet shop – we have a pet for lifetime policy so if we have a customer that cannot keep a pet, we will find a home and have refused to sell to someone who we felt would not provide a good home.

DENNY JASO works with dogs for living. The problem is not with breeders or pet shops, people who have the pets, turning in cause too big, because it barks.

DM wants to clarify. Since people who have unsterilized animals are in violation of code and are being cited, we are cooperating with HCW to provide free sterilization vouchers at time of cite to show proof of permit or sterilization. We are working hard to eliminate people who are violating law with intact. Work hard whether with breeders or pet stores. 10.30 give specific legal rights, prosecuted pet stores for animal dying within 24 hours. Humane orgs making calls attempting to locate where people are located and if in our jurisdiction, we go. Some would prefer to meet at grocery store as opposed to providing address. We are working to address areas. This is the next logical step to reduce animals ending up in shelter and being euthanized. Every time significant impact has been made has been through passage of law requiring sterilization before adoption. Every time we made a hit and affected number, it has been through a change in code, been in AC 20 years and we still have problems. If education were answer, we wouldn't be here today. Does not prevent people from obtaining intact animals. We are not requiring sterilization, requiring permit for \$25 not a funding stream, address people who get pets and giving to people who breed or who are running loose and end up in shelter.

VS – how does process of fancier work? DM pet store refers to AC. If they don't already have permit, they can obtain intact permit until expiration of permit period. Will be able to have intact animal under 1 year

and 6 adult dogs. So puppies don't have to be shown until over a year. At that point they can determine if they want to show, breed or decide not to renew permit and sterilize pet. Asking to obtain so we can check on situation. VS – go to pet store and I like a certain puppy. Pet store wants to sell puppy but will have to hold puppy until I get permit. DM won't take very long, generally too young for rabies vaccination. Can't give exact time period. VS – it can be days. In the meantime, pet store has to keep pet on premises. If ordinance passes how do you make sure smooth sailing for this. How will it flow? Will they have permits already issued? Economic issues involved. Will AC streamline this? DM we will look at facilitating this in an expedited manner. We can probably do over the counter at our office. We are in the right direction. The main objective is to decrease shelter population. We are targeting every puppy being sold by breeders or pet stores. Control spread of congenital and genetic defects. Lots of puppies end up at shelter. VS- What is percentage of purebred dogs seen in shelter? DM somewhere between 30 and 50 percent are pure bred. Since the incident in February, it is much easier to go through and see various breeds. I was surprised there were so many that appear to have pure bloodlines. VS – what is average age? DM – generally about 3 years. VS look at ordinance, positive points, trying to control issue of overpopulation at shelter, nip in bud unwanted puppies ending up in shelter. Problems I see is s/n at 6 to 8 weeks of age do not do that. S/n at 5 or 6 months has been my policy for last 11 years. For most part, s/n puppy at 5 or 6 weeks will cause concerns, hypothermia, congenital defects, etc. Ordinance is great but don't like s/n at such young age. Every puppy fixed by 5 or 6 months of age, I am for this. Streamline process so they don't have to wait days or go to many different places to get permit. Hardship to pet store and breeders.

YC – reminds me of alcohol prohibition want to restrict to control problem. We all want to reduce euthanasia of pets. Don't want taxpayers to be footing bill. Seems we are trying to restrict property ownership and liberty of US citizens to parent pets as to what is in best interests of pet with vet rather than gov't. Not convinced it is a good thing to restrict people's liberty. Would like to see less pets euth'd. Can't see how ordinance can be justified. How does government have legitimate interest as to our pet?

BY – good and bad people in all professions don't like to see additional cost but when you put living breathing product and attach money, money drives things and becomes much more irresponsible behavior. Good people in the business but unfortunately not a lot of folks who care as much about pet as dollar. Will be additional step. Responsible breeders rarely make money. It is about breeding a better line not about economic value. They can find it to be workable and will affect minimally. People affected most are those who are the needed targets. Want to see AC have more tools to minimize numbers of euthanasia. It does not prohibit from getting intact animals. If you are responsible, one or 2 extra days or \$25 is not going to break you.

KS – another s/n ordinance. We had one in 2004, that ordinance is limitedly enforced at this time. Unnecessary. Where are these dogs coming from? 1000 a week for over 10 years. Where are they coming from? Out of state; suppose we investigate that side of it, might clean up 20 or 30 percent of numbers. Not in favor of ordinance. Other ordinance must be enforced. Leash laws not being enforced. Where are they coming from? Not from breeders or pet stores. Personally not in favor of pet stores. Question must be addressed. We have enough laws on books already, info on what is causing problem.

JB believe major problem is irresponsible ownership. Where are they coming from? Unenforceable don't have enough people to enforce laws already, civil liberties. All this about pedigrees, where are the mutts.

YC makes me want to cry when I think of all the unwanted animals. It could backfire and actually cause more backyard breeding. If I pay \$25 I can breed, I have the permit. Now I have a government-sanctioned activity.

TP spent 36 years in AC, retired, and now work at Lied. What I see and what I have seen is enough to make anybody cry. I want to see anything to help not make that happen. I am an animal lover and if I can prevent unnecessary or unwanted deaths, I am for it. YC motion to disapprove ordinance as written. Motion carried. TP and BY dissent.

7. Information-sharing by Committee Members

None

8. Comments by the General Public

GEORGE PAPANIA – If you give permits to everyone you belittle what our services are worth. Most of us love our dogs, want them to go to responsible places with no stipulations but to address sterilizing pets and say anyone who has \$25 can get the same thing we worked hard to get, takes away responsibility. You have to go after pet that has permits and you won't be able to police them, won't be on same standards as responsible pet breeders. My puppies are puppies for life. Defy you to tell me the last time you found an Italian greyhound except for my 5 from Mt. Charleston. When I sell a dog, I tell them I will take back dogs if problem. We are breeders; have right to check box that says you cannot breed my dog. We would be making more money if we allow you to sterilize our puppies cause you have to come back to us. Let vet discuss what is best for owner and dog. Encourage people who are circumventing law.

MIKE CONNELL thinks basic law is good. All breeders are in favor of s/n something along lines at least 6 months or older and temporary permit for first year to see if show quality. If not, s/n. If they can't keep they come back to me. If they don't come back, will find in court. Too young 6 months and older, yes, by that time you have evaluated and see if show quality or not. If fail anyone of tests, don't breed. We fought to get it like it is to evaluate stock, do good breeding not against it.

CHRIS ROSE thanks for not passing. There are other solutions. Rescues are overworked and shelter overpopulated. We find those dogs that are pure bred and try to get out. Microchipped and keep in touch with people. Find another permanent home. Don't know what solution is. The only ones you are regulating are responsible people; not getting puppy mills or backyard breeders.

MYRA GLASSMAN is disappointed in AAC for voting against ordinance. There is a misconception regarding what is in ordinance. It does not mandate s/n at 4 to 6 weeks. It says s/n or new owner has to have permit. Sorry people took off, expressed concern, AC doesn't have officers to enforce, go to county commissioners go to budget hearings and lobby for more officers for animal control.

DONNA ARMSTRONG suggests a solution - changing names of licenses. Pet fancier, you are inspected, can't walk up to window, get a form and get license. We went through inspections. Change name or license. Give us a breeder permit and the others a pet permit.

PIETER DeBEER – when it comes to buying puppy in pet stores, s/n fees passed to purchaser - option, pay extra couple hundred for sterilized or \$25 for fancier. Puts idea in mind they are legal and can breed.

9. Set date, time and agenda of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 9/18/07 at 6:30 p.m. at the Paradise Community Center.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.